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NISHIOKA et al.

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## AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In further reply to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005, the period for reply being extended by the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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